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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, November 9.

December Appeal Deadline: 11/26 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

9 West Lenox Street

111 East Melrose Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar & See the Enclosed Flyers

November 17: Parents Night Out

December 7 & 8: Garden Club Holiday Sale

December 12: Village Holiday Party

Article Deadline for November CRIER: 11/26.

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Board Meeting Date Change for November

In observance of Veterans Day, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers has rescheduled its regular meeting in November. The Board's monthly regular meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The December Board meeting will be held as normally scheduled on the second Monday of the month, December 10, 2007.

Board Extends Building Moratorium and Advances Building Regulations Review into Phase 3

At the October 9 Board meeting, the Board of Managers extended by three months the current moratorium on demolitions and large building projects. Under the original schedule, the moratorium was scheduled to expire on October 31st. The new expiration date is now January 31, 2008. At the same meeting, the Board authorized Phase 3 work to begin with *Winter & Company* aimed at developing dimensional standards for recommended regulations specific to Floor Area Ratio (FAR), Impervious Lot Coverage and Wall Plate Height.

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Village Begins Planned Annexation of the Wohlfarth Property, Board Asks for Input on Possible Uses

Following terms and conditions specified in the August, 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village enabling the County's purchase of the Wohlfarth Property, the Village has provided annexation documents to the County Council for its consent to the property's annexation to the Village. An annexation consent resolution is scheduled before the County Council as the *Crier* goes to press on

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Saks Fifth Avenue Seeks Change to Parking Lot Rules

Ms. Patricia Harris, Legal Counsel for *Saks Fifth Avenue* (Saks) has written to the Village Board of Managers outlining Saks' desire to eliminate the one-hour free parking it is now obligated to provide. Under zoning regulations currently in effect for the

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

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Also included in Phase 3 is additional work to develop model regulatory language for other basic standards recommended in the *Winter & Company* Final Strategy Report (available online at ccvillage.org). This second category of work will develop candidate refinements in building height measurement, tree planting requirements and rear yard setback.

Phase 3 involves a significant amount of work gathering and confirming measurements of existing building conditions throughout the Village. Once measurements are inventoried, Mr. Winter and his staff will develop models to illustrate the effect each of the proposed regulations would have on potential home improvement projects ranging from traditional additions and renovations through to full home removal and reconstruction. Building on these models, Mr. Winter will provide draft regulatory standards and an iterative cycle incorporating Board and resident feedback.

Environmental Committee

The Village's new Environmental Committee (EC) convened for its first meeting on October 8. The EC identified its major tasks as: 1) to identify concerns that could conceivably be addressed by its members, and 2) to suggest ways to organize the members to pursue courses of action to address concerns that have priority in the Village. Accordingly, the EC established the following sub-groups:

Energy Conservation, Green Group, Recycling and Solar Energy.

Each sub-group will discuss its findings, conclusions and recommendations regarding the specific concerns it is investigating and identify courses of action. Once each sub-group is ready to discuss concrete courses of action, the sub-group leader will inform the Committee Chair, Dr. Lawrence Heilman, to discuss the action in a Committee meeting.

Residents are encouraged to read the EC's first Status Report posted on the Village website by clicking on [Commissions & Committees](#). Residents interested in joining an EC sub-group are encouraged to contact Dr. Heilman at lheilman@verizon.net or (301) 657-3953.

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Saks parking lot, a driver may park their car on the lot for one free hour if the parking ticket is validated using the readily available automatic stamp located in the Saks lobby entrance. Saks' position is that this free parking is being abused by patients visiting nearby doctors' offices and is interfering with parking intended for its patrons.

Ms. Harris will be present at the Tuesday, November 13 Board of Managers meeting to discuss the overall parking conditions on the lot and Saks' plan to allow a change away from the one-hour free parking. The plan involves gaining County approval for a "zoning text amendment" which would change the zoning regulations and eliminate the free parking obligation. Village concurrence is necessary for any proposed change to be successful and Ms. Harris will be present to answer questions about both the need and the process and to lobby for Village support. Please plan on attending the meeting.

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October 30. The property is owned by the County and annexation by a municipality—in this case, the Village—requires the consent of the property owner. To view this resolution and background information visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/col/2007/071029/20071029_5c.pdf. The Village Board will introduce the annexation resolution to the Village at the November Board of Managers meeting with a Public Hearing on the matter scheduled during the Board's December 10 regular meeting.

This initiative is independent of the significantly more lengthy and complex task calling for joint development of a management plan for the property with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (the "Commission"). The management plan's collaborative development by the Village and the Commission is also specified in the August 2002 MOU. As foundation for beginning work towards the management plan, the Board of Managers wants to hear from Village residents with your ideas on what uses you would like to see accommodated on the property. Please email your thoughts to the Village Office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. The Board will discuss ideas it receives at the November 13 Board meeting.

In The Village

Autumn Leaves



The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is underway. Two leaf vacuums will be running as often as needed from November through the first week in December or as long as needed.

Residents planning to rake their leaves into piles are requested to rake them as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are asked not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Bradley Lane residents should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley La. is the only area where bagging is required. Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from the leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines and repairs to the vacuum machinery can cause delays in the pick up schedule.

Be a Considerate Neighbor...

When replacing their home's heating furnace, many residents are choosing to install high-efficiency furnaces. While the Village does not require a permit to replace your furnace, please be considerate when installing these new units by selecting a location for the exhaust pipe that does not direct the water vapor discharge toward your neighbors.

Private Property, No Trespassing

It has been reported to the Village office that residents are letting themselves into homes that are under construction and helping themselves to self-guided tours. Please be advised that even if a house is vacant and under construction, it is still private property and you could be subject to a trespassing charge which carries a maximum fine of \$500 or 90 days in jail or both. It can also be very dangerous to enter an active construction site without authorization.

If you would like to see the inside of a neighbor's home, please contact the residents/owners to arrange a visit.

Five-Year Old Village Resident Helps Support our Troops

Five-year old Brandon Leach and his family are collecting donations for the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are working through Operation Homefront. This organization's mission is to help the soldiers and the families they left behind. Their "e-care package" program is devoted to sending packages to overseas soldiers. (website: www.operationhomefront.net)

The soldiers very much appreciate these care packages, as it makes them feel remembered back home. Popular items often include: fans, candy, books, magazines, DVD movies, CDs and pillow cases. Additionally, they also love to receive letters.

If you are interested in making such a donation, please drop off your donation/letter at the Village's Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 12. The Leach family will then collect everything and send it to Operation Homefront's Texas warehouse. Staff there will bundle the donations into individual care packages and ship them overseas.

Outdoor Dining Proposal at the Chevy Chase Center—Withdrawn

Due to feedback provided by residents at the Board of Managers' meeting on October 9, *Max Mara Café* has withdrawn its request before the Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission for authorization to create an outdoor private dining area in the sculpture park, referred to as Farr Park, immediately adjacent to its current enclosed dining area.

Legal Counsel for the *Chevy Chase Land Company*, Mr. Bob Dalrymple, and Megan Showers, Director of Marketing for *Max Mara Café*, attended the meeting to answer residents' questions and to determine the community's general position on the proposed amendment. The Village residents in attendance clearly stated their disfavor of the project, which Mr. Dalrymple accepted and relayed back to the *Chevy Chase Land Company*.

Thank you to all residents that attended the meeting and expressed their concerns.

The Village Hall

Board Actions - October 9, 2007 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: September 10, 2007 Meeting: Approved.

Committee Reports: Building Facilities Commission—The Board welcomed the newly appointed Commission Chair, Elizabeth Bausch. **Brookville Road Working Group**—Chair Dr. Douglas Kamerow explained that the contracted engineering firm had submitted 30% complete draft drawings for the proposed walkway that show how the walkway, which would be located along the east side of the roadway, could/should look. The Board authorized the Village Manager to submit the drawings to the Historic Preservation Commission, the Maryland Historic Trust and the State Highway Administration for preliminary review and approval.

Appeals: 29 Primrose St.: A-5173 (Modification Request)—The applicant sought a modification to a variance, which was granted by the Board of Managers on November 30, 2006. The original variance allowed the applicant to replace an existing chain link fence and two gates measuring 5' in height with a tongue and groove solid board fence and two gates measuring 6'-6" in height in the Brookville Road front yard, located 2" west of the east property line beginning at the north property line and connecting with the north end of a porch on the east side of the house. The applicant proposed to extend the fence southward along the east property line an additional 11'-7". The proposed fence would then extend to the west to connect with the middle of the porch—Approved; **A-5300**—Install a wood fence measuring 6'-6" in height along the north property line between the front property line (Brookville Road) and the 25' front building restriction line—Approved.

Manager's Report: The Board approved a contribution of \$2,000 to the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights to draft a design alternative for the redevelopment of the Westbard areas, provided the contribution is used for the portion of the plan that addresses traffic impact.

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.
To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".*

Committee on Children, Youth & Families

CYF will hold an ever-popular Parents' Night Out in the Village Hall from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17. Sign-up quick as space is limited. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:

- birthday and sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary and graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a conference room exclusively used for meetings and a room to hold smaller children's birthday parties.

The Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information or go to the Village website and click on Village Hall.

Halloween Party a Huge Success!

Administrative Assistant Doris Lyerly outdid herself this year! The party featured the usual costume contest, Halloween-theme cookie and pumpkin decorating and fun with Miss Paula; but new this year was the addition of a Haunted House, which served up scares for both the young and the young-at-heart.

Special thanks to Colleen Mudlaff and family for setting up the frosting cups; Communications Clerk Beverly Perkins and Officer Edgar Vallejo (who gave of their personal time) along with the Public Works Department for helping with the party set-up; our youth volunteers Sam Gelman, Sam Cohen, Berry Dann, Lily Biggar and Ella Barnes who helped out during the party; and Jackie Parker for taking photographs of the evening's festivities which are available on the Village's website by clicking on News and Events.

The Village would also like to thank our esteemed costume judges: George Kinter, Judy Elliott and Anne McCloskey.

This party would not be possible without the many hands that put it together. We can't wait 'til next year!

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Village Police Department Honored

Police Chief Roy Gordon and Steve Jones were recently honored by the Maryland Highway Safety Office for their outstanding efforts in the "Smooth Operator Program".



The ceremony took place at the University of Maryland, College Park in October.

Congratulations to Chief Gordon and Steve Jones for this honor.

Personal Safety in Your Vehicle

- Always have your keys out and ready before leaving a building to approach your vehicle. Searching through a purse or briefcase after you've reached your car provides criminals an excellent opportunity to sneak up on you.
- Be especially alert when leaving stores or shopping malls for your vehicle. This is a time when criminals know you are carrying cash, checkbooks, credit cards or other valuables.
- Look around and inside your vehicle before you get in. If you are concerned for any reason, simply walk past your car and call for help.
- Lock your door immediately upon entering your vehicle. Make this your first action—even before you put your key in the ignition—and lock your door every time you get into your car, even if you are going for only a short ride.
- Check your surroundings before getting out of your car. If something or someone strikes you as out-of-place or threatening, drive away. If it's dark, go to a well-lighted, heavily traveled area.
- Use a two-piece key ring with your car keys separate from your other important keys. Give parking valets or mechanics your car keys only. Supplying the entire set of keys creates an opportunity for duplicates to be made.
- Avoid stairwells in parking garages. Try walking down the auto ramp instead. As long as you watch for cars, the ramp can be much safer.
- Avoid talking on your cellular phone while you drive. Concentrate on your driving, not your

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conversation. If you have to make a call, pull over to the side of the road.

- If you're making a call using your cell phone, never discuss important information such as travel plans or credit card numbers. For less than \$100, anyone can buy scanning equipment and listen in on your cellular phone conversations.
- Report any suspicious activity or person immediately to the Chevy Chase Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300, or in an emergency call 9-1-1.

Holiday Shopping

Chevy Chase Village wants you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday. But first, take a moment to review the following suggestions:

Safety Tips

- Always park in well lit areas when shopping.
- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, walk in groups.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who seem apprehensive).
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from Security personnel.
- When walking toward your vehicle, have your keys in your hand.

Protect Yourself Against Fraud

- Sign all credit cards prior to activation.
- Take only credit cards with you that you need.
- Do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration on you as it contains vital personal information.
- When carrying large amounts of cash, keep it in different places, as opposed to all together.
- Never reveal your social security number to strangers or telemarketers.
- Never throw out anything that contains personal information without destroying it first (thieves search through trash in hopes of finding such material).

Community News

Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (CCCFH)—Resident Involvement Invited

For years, the CCCFH has served as a credible and potent forum for municipalities like the Village, homeowner associations and citizen groups alike to consolidate their opinions on development issues affecting its member communities and to communicate its concerns directly to the Montgomery County Executive, the County Council and the Planning Board. The CCCFH was instrumental in rallying resident opinion as the Friendship Heights development plans took shape in the mid-1990s.

While development in Friendship Heights is winding down, CCCFH remains active on a myriad of matters and is always looking for new participants. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Geoff Biddle, the Village Manager, for additional information.

'Tis the Season Boxwood Wreaths & Trees Bulbs in Bloom & Beautiful Bows Offered by the Garden Club of Chevy Chase

These festive signs of the Christmas season can be pre-ordered at great prices with local pick-up at 5906 Cedar Parkway on Friday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon.

Boxwood wreath sizes and prices are:
16" @ \$36.00, 22" @ \$42.00, and 36" @ \$64.00.
Boxwood trees: 18"high @ \$40.00

Handmade bows in different colors and styles and attractively packaged forced bulbs will be available for sale on the two pick-up dates. Please see the enclosed flyer for ordering information.

Avoid the crowds, buy great fresh greenery, save some money and support a local club which beautifies Chevy Chase.

Reminder: Please call the Communications Center or visit the Village website to schedule a House Check before you leave town for the Holidays.

Chevy Chase Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Type *groups.yahoo.com* in your web browser.
2. Click on *Sign Up* in the green box.
3. Complete the form accordingly.
4. After successfully signing in, type *Chevy Chase Village* in the "Find a Yahoo! Group" field, and click SEARCH.
5. Click on *ccvillage*.
6. Click on *Join this Group*.

Congratulations! You are now signed up to use the Village Listserve to post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss.

To post a new message, type *groups.yahoo.com* in your web browser, sign-in using your Yahoo! ID and password, click on *ccvillage* on the left-hand of the screen and click on *Post* again on the left-hand side of the screen and type your message.

Listserve have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this service.

Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Holiday Gifts to our Trash and Recycling Contractor



If you would like to provide a monetary gift to our trash and recycling crews this Holiday season, please do so by placing an envelope on the lid of your trash cans or by providing it to them in person. Village staff can not provide your gift to the crews.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your refuse.

Special pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

There will be **no** trash collection on Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. Collection will slide one day so Thursday's collection will be made on Friday and Friday's collection will be made on Saturday.

Recycling collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, November 24. **Recycling** collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will **not** be affected and will be collected on its regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, November 22.

Special pick-ups will **not** be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, November 22.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager October 2007

3720 Bradley La.....Enclose side entry, remodel
11 E. Lenox St.....Remove driveway and garage slab
16 Magnolia Pkwy.....Reconstruct fence along west property line
16 E. Melrose St.....Replace/install fence, gates
2 Newlands St.....Replace driveway apron
1 W. Melrose St.....Addition with basement
5414 Center St.....Fencing, driveway, re-face stoop, walkway
9 W. Lenox St.....Landscaping in the public right-of-way



Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4, 2007

Turn Your Clocks Back

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, November 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information, go on the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or call the MVA at (800) 950-1682, ext. 2.

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Mark Your Calendar
Village Holiday Party
December 12, 2007
6:00-8:00 p.m.

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